

# GREENBELT News Review

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## Festival of Lights Art and Craft Fair Is Scheduled for December 4 and 5

Greenbelt's monthly salute to the arts is doubled in length for the Saturday-Sunday, December 4-5 launch of the holiday season embodied in the Festival of Lights Art and Craft Fair to be held Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. Themed "Handmade Wares Create Connections: Local Artists Featured in Greenbelt Art and Craft Fair," the free program includes live music, hands-on workshops and a prize drawing. In addition to handmade gifts for sale there will also be a café to benefit the Greenbelt Arts Center.

Handmade gifts create meaningful connections between giver and receiver, between the maker and the local economy. Among the artist-crafters will be Melinda Garroway of Rosadil with felted accessories made primarily from recycled sweaters. Terra Deskins of BodyCraft creates art jewelry and objects using merino wool felt, precious metals, enamel work, found objects and recycled pieces. Theirs and other handmade gifts will fill the Com-

munity Center gym along with offerings by artisans from Greenbelt and the surrounding area in ceramics, jewelry, toys, fine arts, handbags, home goods, stationery and personal care products.

There will be a Humanities Mart featuring gifts for all ages from the Greenbelt Museum and publications by the Greenbelt Writers Group and Maryland Writers Association. Youth entrepreneurs and nonprofit exhibitors will also present their creations.

### Saturday

The schedule for Saturday, December 4 includes fused glass mini-workshops at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Participants can sign up in the gym beginning at 10 a.m. to create their own ornament or sun-catcher for a nominal fee. Free activities on Saturday will include a hands-on workshop from 1 to 3 p.m. with Artist-in-residence Loraine DiPietro creating wintery decorations and reusable, decoupaged gift boxes. Artisans will demonstrate a variety of techniques throughout the afternoon.

From 3 to 5 p.m. Harp 46 will



**Terra Deskins of BodyCraft, one of the artisans to be featured at the Art and Craft Fair of the Greenbelt Festival of Lights on December 4-5 displays a felt necklace and ring.**

perform on the gym stage.

### Sunday

From 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, December 5 will be the Artists-in-residence Holiday Sale and Open House offering

See **FAIR**, page 5

## GHI Begins Energy Pilot Program To Upgrade Home Heating Systems

by Tom Jones

On Friday, November 19 Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) kicked off the pilot program with a press conference for its upcoming community upgrade. The community upgrade involves replacing heating systems, windows and doors throughout GHI, as well as other improvements to increase energy efficiency, thus saving money for members on their heating and cooling bills.

To prepare for the upgrade, GHI will perform a pilot test on 28 homes in seven rows to identify the most cost-effective ways to improve comfort and energy efficiency. These 28 representative homes will provide guidance for GHI in selecting the best options when all 1,600 homes are upgraded in a multi-million dollar project anticipated to start in 2015.

The 28 homes will be equipped with temperature and humidity sensors, as well as special electricity meters on heaters, clothes dryers and water heaters. The pilot test will span three years. During this first year, baseline data will show where electricity is used and indicate the comfort level in different rooms.

In summer 2011 new windows, doors and insulation of various types will be installed in the pilot homes. Data collected the second year will help

determine which products are most effective. Finally, in 2012, several different new heating and air conditioning systems will be installed, with this third year's data identifying which ones are most effective.

Attending the press conference was Joe Wiehagen from the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) Research Center in Upper Marlboro. The Research Center had partnered with GHI to receive a grant from the US Department of Energy's Building America Program. The Research Center hopes to provide support for home builders and renovators incorporating new housing technology to make homes more durable and affordable.

Also present were representatives from the National Renewable Energy Laboratory in Golden, Colo. Dr. Lieko Earle and Ed Hancock described the state-of-the-art technology used in the pilot project study. Each of the 28 homes will have three or four thermometers in different rooms, which will transmit wireless data to a central receiver in the building's crawlspace. About once a month, data will be downloaded from the receiver via a laptop computer.

Eldon Ralph, GHI's assistant general manager, said, "We're dealing with experts in the field of buildings science. One tremendous benefit is the expertise

See **PILOT**, page 6

### What Goes On

**Thursday, November 25**

**8 a.m.,** 2010 Gobble Wobble Race, Registration Begins – Race Begins 9 a.m.

**Thursday, November 25 and Friday November 26**

City and GHI Offices Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

**Saturday, November 27**

Donation Drop-off, Municipal Building Parking Lot

**Monday, November 29**

Aquatic and Fitness Center Closed until December 11 at 8 a.m.

**Thursday, December 2**

**7:30 p.m.,** GHI and GDC Board Meetings, GHI Board Room

## American Education Week November 14 to 20, 2010

In a celebration of American education, these columns will be telling the stories of selected teachers from the schools that serve the Greenbelt community.

This week readers will get a glimpse inside Eleanor Roosevelt High School with profiles written by ERHS students. It follows last week's feature on Magnolia Elementary School teachers Ayanna McSears and Camille Dorsey and Greenbelt Elementary School teachers the week before. In coming weeks we will focus on Springhill Lake Elementary, Greenbelt Middle School and Turning Point Academy.

## J. Massagli Heads Science And Tech Program at ERHS

by Kamli Sirjue, ERHS Junior

Part of the outstanding recognition at Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) revolves around the Science and Technology Program. Nine-year veteran Jennifer Massagli is an integral part of this successful department.

Massagli has been at ERHS since 2002 teaching biology, advanced placement biology and a research practicum. Although she is a major contributor in the science department, she did not aspire to become a teacher. Instead, she wanted to work with the government in Environmental Science. After graduating from Hood College with a bachelor's degree in environmental science and public policy, Massagli worked with a



**Jennifer Massagli**

consulting firm. "I storm-chased and did things like looking in mud for organisms," she said.

After Hood College, she went to graduate school at the University of Maryland College Park (UMD) because "they had one of the best marine and estuary programs."

Massagli also liked that they had "a basketball and football team to root for."

During her time at UMD, she realized while teaching an introductory to biology class that she "hated" lab research. Soon after her second year, she thought about teaching as a career.

At UMD, Massagli was part

See **MASSAGLI**, page 5

## Creative Writing Teacher Advises Literary Magazine

by Alyssa Howard, ERHS Junior

Although Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) is known for the Science and Technology Program, the English department and English teachers like Danielle Sinclitico, creative writing and Literary Magazine advisor, contribute to the overall success of the school.

Sinclitico, a native Marylander, grew up in the state and attended the University of Maryland, College Park. She began her studies majoring in pre-law but soon realized this was not what she wanted to do and changed to English/secondary education, leading to her job at ERHS after she graduated. "I had always loved reading and writing," she said, "so teaching high school just kind of fell into place."



**Danielle Sinclitico**

In her first couple of years of teaching, Sinclitico went to graduate school for a master's degree in publication design. "I was about nine credits from graduating that program when I switched to a masters in fine arts in creative writing and publishing arts."

Even though it added another year and a half to her studies, she continued and achieved her MFA. "I liked the program so much more because there was more creative writing involved."

She decided later to go back to school for graphic design to further her knowledge of the art of design, to benefit her students and the Literary Magazine. "I have always been artistic, so I thought it would be interesting to

See **SINCLITICO**, page 5



# Letters

## THANKS!

Several of those who take morning walks around Greenbelt Lake have benefited from the thoughtfulness of Chatarina Lindvall and Frisco, who have gently yet persistently encouraged enrollment in the Senior Fit program since June.

Our first class last week confirmed what Chatarina had said and more: a moderate pace of assorted stretching and strengthening exercises for 45 minutes three times a week, 52 weeks a year. And it's free!

One more example of Greenbelt's cooperative spirit. Thank you Chatarina and Frisco.

Patricia Novinski

## THANKS!

Thanks to all who donated blood on November 19 at the Greenbelt Community Center. The blood collected at the drive will help the nation's severe blood shortage. Thanks are given to the Red Cross personnel and volunteers for their outstanding service.

Janet Goldberg,  
Recreation Coordinator

## THANKS!

The St. Hugh Knights of Columbus, a fraternal organization operating under the authority of the Supreme Council, thanks all who generously contributed to this year's annual Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities (Tootsie Roll) sponsorship program.

A special note of thanks and gratitude is extended to Co-op Manager Bob Davis and his staff for their continuing support of the campaign. Through the generosity of community members and local business partners our local council was able to exceed this year's established campaign goal.

Recipients of this year's proceeds will be the Prince George's Special Olympics, VSI, Inc. and CALMRA, Inc., each of which serves the needs of individuals with intellectual and physical disabilities in our community.

Scott Legendre, Chairman  
Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities  
St. Hugh Council #10885

## OLD GREENBELT THEATRE WEEK OF NOV 24

### Fair Game (PG-13)

Wednesday – Thursday  
\*5:15, 7:30, 9:40

Friday – Saturday  
\*3, \*5:15, 7:30, 9:40

Sunday  
\*3, \*5:15, 7:30

Monday – Thursday  
\*5:15, 7:30

\*These shows at \$6.50

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## Commentary

### A Psalm of Thanksgiving

We all know that life is a journey and certainly there have been bumps, lumps, humps and even stumps on the road that have led us to where we are now.

In the November 11 News Review, Jim Link's article painted a lively picture of our Co-op's Grand Reopening Celebration. Rehab is good, fresh and green; our future is filled with wonders unseen but take note of the past. When electricity was finally restored after last winter's blizzards, did you know all Co-op staff had worked day and night for days cleaning out cases of spoiled foods and restocking perishables? (And you thought emptying your fridge was gross and costly!)

Several autumns ago, I was stopped in my tracks by a huge pool of fresh floating cranberries atop the fruit counter. Ever since, imaginative, appetizing displays, demonstrations/tastings/recipes, as well as a "fruit of the month" for kids, have nurtured a free "wellness school" which stimulates one's brain and all senses, while teaching and encouraging us to try new foods. Yes, we can cook/eat healthy!

Colorful foil leaf mobiles cascade from the ceiling and around almost every corner you see the work of a person(s?) I call "the space magician" who refuses to be squelched by the store's antique footprint.

Yes, this is a song of praise and thanksgiving.

This is why John Henry gives out penny Valentines and sings "Happy Birthday" over the intercom. This is why members added money to their accounts to help the rehabilitation happen. This is why Greenbelters who've moved cross-country ask you, "What's up at the 'coop' (as in chicken)?" This is why going for a gallon of milk turns into an hour of multiple greetings and conversations. Rooted securely for 73 years in our Roosevelt Center lives and breathes our Co-op, under the watchful eye of Lenore's Greenbelt mother giving her child a drink.

The opening of a ground floor restroom is being cheered especially by parents of young children, pregnant women, older residents and people with disabilities. Climbing those "secret staircase" steps was never fun and often impossible or disastrous.

For holiday shopping, bypass the malls altogether. As I have for decades, come to the Co-op for its shop local, one stop, free parking and loading, low stress, fairly-priced experience. Kids can easily find the perfect gift for family and friends. In these unsettled times, avoid overspending. Think outside the box, creatively, and open your eyes and mind to everyday gifts of peace.

So preserve your sanity and rediscover the best of friendly, smiling humanity at our Co-op. When people know they are making a difference, they, we and the business will thrive. Please thank and appreciate these fine, hardworking folks all year round.

Oh, if you see the original black Santa swing by, remind him that my favorite Woodstock Farms dried cherries and blueberries enveloped in dark chocolate are on sale till New Year's Eve. Yum . . . .

– Elaine D. Jones

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NOTICE TO GHI MEMBERS

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

GDC & GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Thursday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010

GHI BOARD ROOM, 7:30 PM

GDC Key Agenda Items:

• 2011 Revised Operating Budget

GHI Key Agenda Items:

• Non-conforming Wood Shed in Garden Side Yard – 10A Plateau Place

• Review Vinyl Shed Regulations

• Volunteer Asset Form

• Facebook – GHI Adoption?

• Contract for 2011-13 Pest Control Services - 1st Reading


• Contract for 2011-13 Landscape Maintenance Services - 1st Reading

• Contract for 2011-13 Tree Maintenance Services – 2nd Reading

Regular Board meetings are open to Members

For more information, visit our website - www.ghi.coop

Grin Belt



"The presidential pardon is great but it's the airport pat downs that I don't like!"

On Screen

Behind the Headlines

Opening at Old Greenbelt Theatre on Wednesday, November 24 is "Fair Game," a straight-up film based on the story of ousted CIA operative Valerie Plame (Naomi Watts). She is investigating Iraq's possible store of weapons of mass destruction when husband and ex-ambassador Joe Wilson (Sean Penn) weighs in against the Bush administration in an op-ed column. The couple then is beset by a troubling range of issues. Early reviews have praised the production, directed by Doug Liman.

PG-13; run time 108 minutes.

– Eli Flam

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DEADLINES: Letters, Articles and ads—10 p.m. Tuesday. Materials for publication may be mailed to address above, deposited in our box in the Co-op grocery store (by 7 p.m. Tuesday) or brought to our office in the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, during office hours. Mail subscriptions—\$35/year.

Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.

OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 8 - 10 p.m.



# Community Events

## GHI Notes

Thursday, November 25, Offices closed for Thanksgiving  
Friday November 26, Offices closed (For emergency maintenance call 301-474-6011)  
Saturday, November 27, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., leaf bags can be picked up from Parkway Garage #21  
Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

## U7 Soccer Team Captures 2nd Place

by Coach Bret Howard  
The Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club U7 Soccer Team earned runner-up honors at the Beltsville Harvest Classic Soccer Tournament on Saturday, November 13. The Greenbelt U7 team came in second place out of six teams in the Under 7 Division. The players representing Greenbelt on the team were Adam Howard, Zachary Callendar, Henry Martinez, Jonathan Valladeres, Kyle Krieger, Pascal Evans, Lucas Evans, Vincent Blough, Adam Moumena, AJ Rizzo and Xavier Essex. The team was coached by Joe Callendar and this writer.  
The Greenbelt U7s wove their way through a tough draw of three Maryland City teams, besting two of the sides by scores of 5 to 0 and 3 to 0 and losing a controversial 2 to 1 decision in the third match. Earning tournament points for wins, shut-outs and goals scored, Greenbelt's 15 points was enough to advance them to the Harvest Classic Championship Round. In the championship match, Greenbelt squared off against a very talented South Bowie team.

In the end, the exhaustion of the four games of soccer in a one day schedule caught up with the Greenbelt U7s. They may not have gained a winning result in the final but all Greenbelt players walked away with heads held high and with a well-deserved runner-up trophy for their effort.

## Annual Beltway Plaza Toy Drive Now Open

The annual toy drive jointly held by Beltway Plaza and the Greenbelt Lions Club is now open and accepting toys. The Big Toy Box is located at the mall's Center Court. Come donate a new toy for a needy child.  
Santa has arrived at the mall and will be available most Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays until Christmas Eve from noon or 2 p.m. until 8 p.m. (6 p.m. on Sundays). Extended holiday hours at the mall begin on Friday, December 10. There are special activities planned at Center Court every weekend.



## Holy Cross Thrift Store

Every Thursday 10am – 4pm  
Good, clean clothes for women, men and children!  
Shoes, jewelry, books, etc.

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## Free ERHS Winter Concert December 3

The Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) Winter Concert will be held on Friday, December 3 at 7:30 p.m. Free and open to the public, the Roosevelt and Symphonic Bands, Symphony Orchestra, Roosevelt Strings, Women's, Chamber and Gospel Choirs will perform in the ERHS auditorium, 7601 Hanover Parkway.  
The band, orchestra and choir programs, which draw students from all over northern Prince George's County, are directed by Dr. David Yarbrough, Sally Wagner and Michele Fowlin.

## ACE Science Club Meets Next Thurs.

The next Greenbelt Children's ACE Science Club meeting will be held on Thursday, December 2 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. Free to all Greenbelt children ages 8 to 14, the ACE Science Club features hands-on experiments and fun facts about science, technology, engineering, math, nature, life and the universe. The club has been known to blow things up, demonstrating the explosive potential of chemistry and physics. Come enjoy science experiments, explorations and magic tricks.

## Holiday Tree Lighting Starts City's Festival

The annual Holiday Tree Lighting will be held on Friday, December 3 at 7 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center front lawn, 15 Crescent Road. Holiday lights will adorn the new tree in the traditional spirit of the Festival of Lights season. Santa Claus will arrive on a fire truck. There will be musical performances by the Greenbelt Concert Band and other community groups. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served. All are welcome.

## Greenbelt Museum Holiday Open House

On Friday, December 3 from 6 to 9 p.m. the Greenbelt Museum, 10-B Crescent Road, will hold a Holiday Open House at the museum. Enjoy a free tour of the house decorated for the holidays. The gift shop will be open with new holiday merchandise.

## Library Reopens Monday, Nov. 29

Although the formal public reopening celebration will not be held until Saturday, December 4, the newly renovated Greenbelt branch library will reopen to the public on Monday, November 29 at 1 p.m.

## Knights of Columbus Angel Tree Program

The St. Hugh Council of the Knights of Columbus will again sponsor its Angel Tree program to collect and distribute toys to underprivileged kids in the Greenbelt area.  
Unwrapped, nonviolent toys for children from infants to 13 years old will be accepted, with the toys collected each weekend after every Mass at St. Hugh's and delivered the week before Christmas. For some of the recipients the Angel Tree toys are the only Christmas gifts the children will receive.  
Questions can be directed to John Winfrey at 301-345-3794 or [jwinfrey@verizon.net](mailto:jwinfrey@verizon.net).

## Greenbriar/Glen Oaks Holds Toy Drive

Greenbriar and Glen Oaks are holding a toy drive during the month of December. Residents are asked to bring gently used toys to the Greenbriar office Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
**Greenbelt East Has Tree Lighting**  
On Sunday, December 5 at 7 p.m. the Greenbelt East Advisory Coalition will hold its annual holiday tree lighting in the Greenbriar Terrace Room, 7600 Hanover Parkway. All are invited to this free holiday celebration which will include Christmas caroling and hot chocolate.

CRAFT BAZAAR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2010

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Greenbelt American Legion, 6900 Greenbelt Road

Hand Made Items, Raffle, Baked Goods

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Registration for the 2010/2011 Basketball Season begins November 8, 2010\*\* at the following locations:

Greenbelt Youth Center, 99 Centerway  
Mondays and Thursdays\* in November, 7 to 8:30 pm  
Saturdays in November, starts Nov. 20, 11 am to 1 pm  
(\*No registration, Thursday, Nov. 25, 2010)

Springhill Lake Rec Center, 6101 Cherrywood Lane  
Fridays\* in November, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm  
Saturdays in November, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm  
(\*No registration, Friday, Nov. 26, 2010)  
\*\*Additional December registration dates to follow.

For more information, please call 301-794-0100 (press 7) or visit us at [www.greenbeltbgc.com](http://www.greenbeltbgc.com)

Greenbelt Arts Center

Chapter Two

by Neil Simon, directed by Sheilah Crossley-Cox

Fridays and Saturdays, Nov 26 – Dec 4 at 8:00 PM

Sunday, November 28 at 2:30 PM

\$15 General/\$12 Students/Seniors

Upcoming:  
December 9 - 12: Lions and Penguins and Bears (Oh, My!)  
December 14 - 15: Auditions: Reefer Madness

Call 301.441.8770 for more information

More Community Events  
see pages 2, 4, 6 and 9.

## Academy Stadium Theatres

Beltway Plaza Mall  
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ALL SHOWS BEFORE 5 p.m.  
Adults/Seniors: \$6.50  
Children: \$6.00  
ALL SHOWS BEFORE NOON  
ON SATURDAY \$5.00  
ALL SHOWS AFTER 5 p.m.  
Adults: \$8.50  
Students/Military: \$7.50  
Children: \$6.00  
Seniors: \$6.50  
R = ID Required  
(!) = No pass, (!!) No pass weekend

## Week of NOV. 24

**WED.**  
Megamind, PG  
11:40, 2:10, 4:40, 7:20  
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Tangled, PG, (!) – 3D (No Fees)  
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Faster, R (!)  
11:30, 2, 4:30, 7:10  
Harry Potter & The Deathly Hallows, PG-13 (!)  
12:15, 3:30, 7  
Burlesque, PG-13 (!)  
11:15, 2, 4:40, 7:30  
Love and Other Drugs, R  
11:25, 2:10, 4:50, 7:30  
Unstoppable, PG-13  
11:45, 2:30, 4:50, 7:20  
**THUR. – SAT.**  
Megamind, PG  
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Due Date, R  
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Burlesque, PG-13 (!)  
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Unstoppable, PG-13  
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# Obituaries

## James (Pat) Gainor

Former Greenbelter James Patrick (Pat) Gainor, 73, died November 18, 2010, at University of Maryland Medical Center in Baltimore.

He and his wife, Sylvia Reisher, were both active in Greenbelt activities and lived on Eastway and on Lakecrest Drive. After his wife retired they moved to Romney, W. Va.

His wife died May 22, 2010. He is survived by daughter Cheri Gainor of Thurmont, Md.; son Jim Gainor and his wife Babette Gainor of Maryland; stepsons Dennis and wife Randi Reisher of Owings Mills, Md., and Gregory Reisher of Washington, D.C.; grandchildren Joshua Gainor and Lance Kennedy; loving brothers, sisters, several nieces and nephews and many friends.

Visitation was held on Tuesday, November 23 at Donaldson Funeral Home in Laurel. There will also be a visitation in Ford City, Pa., on Friday, November 26 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Martini Funeral Home, with funeral services on Saturday, November 27 at 10:30 a.m. at Christ Prince of Peace Parish in Ford City, Pa. Interment will follow immediately afterward at Holy Trinity Cemetery in Ford City, Pa.

## Steven H. Hooper

A memorial service for Steven H. Hooper, who died October 23, 2010, will be held on Saturday, December 4 at 11 a.m., at the Greenbelt Community Church.

## Shirley L. Dwyer

Shirley Lorraine Dwyer died on November 20, 2010. A funeral mass was celebrated at St. Hugh of Grenoble Catholic Church on Tuesday, November 23. An obituary will follow.

## BARC History Topic Of Monday Lecture

On Monday, November 29 at 1 p.m. there will be a Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC) historical presentation by Dr. Robert Griesbach in the auditorium of Building 003 on Route 1. Complete with rare pictures, Griesbach will trace the evolution of BARC from its early days on the National Mall to its current location and its role over the past 100 years in improving the everyday lives of Americans. Griesbach is deputy assistant administrator of the Agriculture Research Service Office of Technology Transfer.



**Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS**

Sundays 10 A.M.  
Municipal Building

## Next TRU-G Meeting Is Wed., December 1

The next regular meeting of Transit Riders United of Greenbelt (TRU-G) will take place on Wednesday, December 1 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Greenbelt Community Center, Room 114. All people concerned with public transit issues in the Greenbelt area are welcome.

Limited rides are available by emailing [trugreenbelt@gmail.com](mailto:trugreenbelt@gmail.com).  
Subscribe to the listserv at [trugee-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:trugee-subscribe@yahoogroups.com) to learn more.

## Breakfast with Santa Saturday, Dec. 4

Saturday, December 4 from 8 to 11 a.m. is the annual Greenbelt Lions Club Breakfast with Santa event at the Greenbelt American Legion Post. There will be all-you-can-eat pancakes and sausage and beverages. Join Greenbelt friends and neighbors and bring a camera to photograph little ones with Santa.

There is a fee; children 12 and younger are free. For more information call Lynda Varda at 301-474-8964 or see ad on page 3.

## Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition "Food and Friendship" program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals must be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215.

All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for November 29 to December 3:

Monday – Cranberry juice, meatloaf, green beans, whole boiled potatoes, tropical mixed fruit.

Tuesday – Corn chowder, baked pollock with tartar sauce, macaroni and cheese, peas and carrots, sliced peaches.

Wednesday – Orange-pine-apple juice, oven-fried chicken drumsticks, chopped collard greens, potato salad, angel food cake with strawberries.

Thursday – Red and Gold Gala – All sites closed.

Friday – Cranapple juice, lasagna with meat sauce, sliced carrots, green peas, lemon parfait.



Now meeting at Greenbelt Elementary School, 66 Ridge Road, Greenbelt

Please come this Sunday  
WORSHIP AT 11:00

Pastor Nigel C. Black, MDiv. (410) 627-8381

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Sunday School : 9:30 am  
Worship : 11:00 am  
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## Mishkan Torah Congregation

10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770  
Rabbi Jonathan Cohen Cantor Phil Greenfield

Friday evening services 8:00 PM except first Friday of the month, when children's service begins at 7:30 PM

Saturday morning services - 9:30 AM  
Children's Education, Adult Education, Social Action, etc.

For further information call 301 474-4223 [www.mishkantorah.org](http://www.mishkantorah.org)  
Conservative and Reconstructionist



Condolences to the family and friends of Joanne Kerr of Westchester Park, who died November 9, 2010. Many Greenbelters knew her through Beltsville's "Young at Heart" club. A memorial service was held November 20 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church.

Greenbelters were saddened to hear of the death of former resident James Patrick Gainor (Pat) on November 18. Our sympathy to his family and friends.

### Congratulations to:

– Peggy Higgins, Greenbelt's new School Board member, who

will be sworn in at Upper Marlboro on Monday, December 6 at 3 p.m., along with four other new members on the nine-member board.

– Donald and Mary Jo (Fitzmaurice) Dorsey on their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married November 26, 1960. The event was celebrated with sons Donnie and Frank and grandchildren Daniel and Amanda, all lifelong Greenbelters.

Send us your reports of new babies, awards, honors, etc. to share with our readers.

– Kathleen McFarland

## Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church

3215 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville/Adelphi  
Phone: 301-937-3666 [www.pbuuc.org](http://www.pbuuc.org)



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**November 28, 10 a.m.**

"Celebrating the Many Faces of Family"

An All Ages Service by Interim Director of Religious Exploration Karen Lee Scrivo and Don Mitchell, worship associate

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135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770  
301-474-4322



### Mass Schedule:

Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.

Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.

Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe

Pastoral Associate: Rev. R. Scott Hurd

## Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church

40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt

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[www.greenbeltumc.org](http://www.greenbeltumc.org) 301-474-9410

Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor

**Worship Service 10:00am**

**Family Movie Night, Sat. Dec. 4, 7:30 p.m.**

Family-friendly movie. FREE. Get into the spirit of the season.

Bring your own snacks or buy some from us.

Join us for worship during Advent beginning Nov. 28.

## St. George's Episcopal Church

Join us around a table where all are welcome!

### Services

#### • Sundays

8 a.m. simple, quiet service (no music)

10 a.m. main service

(music includes a mixture of acoustic guitar, piano and organ music)

#### • Wednesdays

7 p.m. service with healing prayers (no music)

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## Greenbelt Community Church

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



Hillside & Crescent Roads  
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[www.greenbeltucc.org](http://www.greenbeltucc.org)

Sunday Worship

10:15 a.m.

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Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School  
Sunday 11:00 am Worship Service  
Wednesday 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting/Bible Study

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## MASSAGLI

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of a resident teaching program. For the program, she had to teach at a Prince George’s County Public School. A professor encouraged her to call ERHS. Luckily, she said I got a call from Roosevelt right back saying that I got the job.”

At ERHS her time has proven beneficial for students and teachers through her classes and the annual science fair. Because of that work, she is now going to work with the regional science fair. Her most recent achievement was receiving National Board Certification. This summer she will also be teaching seven-year-olds in Egypt, at a Center for Talented Youth.

With Massagli’s time at ERHS, she has grown to love and appreciate the school. “Our staff is dedicated to education and we see that teaching the kids is most important,” she said . “There is a culture here that you can’t find at other schools . . . it’s the Roosevelt way.”

## SINCLITICO

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learn more about the digital side of things while at the same time becoming better at the subjects I teach.”

Sinclitico has been at ERHS for five years. She teaches English 10, both honors and comprehensive, and is in charge of the creative writing program. “Being able to teach creative writing is great,” she said.

She is also the advisor of an award-winning literary magazine, recognized as a National Scholastic Press Association First Class magazine and gaining the Columbia Scholastic Press Association Gold Medal. The magazine showcases student-generated artworks in writing, photography, paintings and drawings.

“Finding ways to showcase artistic talent is important,” she said. On average 50 to 100 of the best student artworks, judged by fellow students and based on quality and spacing requirements, are published in each issue.

In class, Sinclitico said, “Students learn a little bit about creative writing and a lot about magazine publication.”

## Oldtime Food Tasting At Belair Mansion

On Saturday, November 27 there will be a food sampling of historical foods in the Belair Mansion’s 1930s kitchen from noon to 4 p.m.

No reservations are required for this free event. Call 301-809-3089 or visit [www.cityofbowie.org/museum](http://www.cityofbowie.org/museum) for more information.

## Kids’ Arts Class Features Spaceships

On Sunday, November 28 from 2 to 4 p.m. the College Park Arts Exchange will host a Children’s Arts Drop-In at the Old Parish House located at 4711 Knox Road in College Park.

Children from age 3 to 8 will make a fun silvery spaceship or UFO out of 3-D materials.

For details email [info@cpae.org](mailto:info@cpae.org) or call 301-927-3013.

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fine paintings, hand-painted scarves, mind-boggling cut paper illustrations and mixed media works in their third floor studios. Free activities will include a prize drawing at noon and a wreath-making workshop from 1 to 3 p.m. Participants are welcome to bring special materials to incorpo-

rate into their project.

From 2 to 4 p.m. Music group Djesben will play live worldbeat music on the gym stage.

### Prize Drawings

Enter the prize drawing online at [www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts) or in person at the craft fair through 11:30 a.m. on Sunday,

December 5. Prizes include a gift certificate accepted at any Festival of Lights Art and Craft Fair booth or applicable toward a Greenbelt Recreation Department winter class, tickets to see the University of Maryland Symphony Orchestra and tickets to a performance of the winner’s

choice at the Greenbelt Arts Center. No purchase is necessary and participants need not be present to win.

For more information on the Art and Craft Fair visit [www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts) or call the Community Center at 301-397-2208.



# City Information

### Festival of Lights Art and Craft Fair Greenbelt Community Center



Sat, 12/4, 10am - 5pm  
Sun, 12/5, 11am - 4pm  
Enter to win a \$25 gift certificate:  
[www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts) or at the Community Center art gallery through 11am, 12/5

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CRAFT WORKSHOPS:**

Sat/Sun, 12:30pm - 3:30pm during the Craft Fair  
Contact: [ndewald@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:ndewald@greenbeltmd.gov)

### VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. Vacancies exist on: Arts Advisory Board, Board of Appeals, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, and Park & Recreation Advisory Board  
For information call 301-474-8000.

### GREENBELT AQUATIC AND FITNESS CENTER CLOSING.

The Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center will be closed for replacement of major mechanical equipment starting Monday, November 29th at 6:00am. We anticipate that the Fitness Wing will re-open on Saturday, December 11th at 8:00am and the Indoor Pool on Saturday, December 18th at 8:00am. Please know that should circumstances beyond our control develop we may need to extend the closure. Notifications will be made via e-mail, a message will be left on the GAFC main number, and a notice will be put on the City’s website. All current memberships to the Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center will be extended by one month because of this closure. We regret the inconvenience this may cause you and thank you for your understanding. If you have any questions, please contact our staff at (301) 397-2204. A list of other facilities in the area will be posted on Greenbelt City Link at [www.greenbeltmd.gov/aquatic\\_fitness\\_center](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/aquatic_fitness_center)



### LEAF COLLECTION

The following areas will be collected in the coming weeks:  
**November 29–December 3 Lakeside and Greenspring I & II**  
**December 6–10 Boxwood**

**REMINDER:**  
Help keep our green areas healthy and free of invasive plants. Remember to dispose of leaves properly. Do not put gathered leaves in woods, parks or playgrounds.  
Thank you!  
The Forest Preserve Advisory Board and the GHI Woodlands Committee



greenbelt recreation department  
winter 2011

activity guide  
now available online!

### NOVEMBER IS MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT MONTH!

Students in grades K-6th can win a \$10 gift card to Target just by playing GREENBELT WORKS! Visit [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov) and follow the link to the game. At the end of the game, print out the form and fill it out. You can either bring it in or mail it to the Greenbelt Municipal Building at 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770 to get your prize. Make sure that you write GREENBELT WORKS on the envelope. You must either live or go to school in Greenbelt. One prize per student. If you have any questions, please call Beverly Palau at 240-542-2026



### GREENBELT ANIMAL SHELTER

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Thank you for your donations! We are in need of collars and leashes. Become a fan of the Greenbelt Animal Shelter on Facebook!



### Part-Time Position: Arts Education Specialist Greenbelt Recreation Department

Develop community visual arts programs based at the Greenbelt Community Center. Possibilities include classes, workshops, apprenticeships, academies, public art and festival arts. Recruit and supervise artist educators. Background in community arts preferred. \$12/hr, 15 hrs/wk, 50 wks/yr. Flexible schedule. Open until filled. For information contact Nicole DeWald, Arts Supervisor, [ndewald@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:ndewald@greenbeltmd.gov). Applications available at [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov). EOE

### DONATION DROP-OFF

American Rescue Workers  
Saturday, November 27 from 9a.m.-12 noon.  
City Office Parking Lot  
City of Greenbelt Recycling Office at 301-474-8308.

### Download the Winter 2011 Greenbelt Recreation Activity Guide at [www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation\\_brochure.pdf](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation_brochure.pdf)

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they bring to the table in terms of monitoring conditions in the homes before and after improvements, which will save GHI a substantial amount of money.”

GHI will save \$50,000 budgeted for monitoring equipment and under this partnership, he said, will have “instruments that are state of the art, far and beyond what GHI was proposing,” as well as free consultation with leading scientists and engineers.

Last Year’s Survey

In a 2009 survey GHI residents expressed many concerns about their homes. Of the 684 respondents, only 18 percent said their homes were always warm enough in winter, 27 percent said they were never warm and 54 percent said they were sometimes warm. Further, 76 percent of residents of block masonry homes said they have seasonal humidity problems.

On Friday, GHI president Suzette Agans said GHI was “a model back in 1937 but the model has gotten a bit old and chilly. This pilot project is an excellent opportunity to study improvements.” She added that the upgrade needs to make the homes comfortable and efficient today and for generations to come.

GHI Vice President Tokey Boswell said that a goal of the upgrade is to reduce energy consumption while significantly improving comfort. He added that GHI has accumulated approximately \$10 million in its reserve program to pay for the upcoming replacements. Electric heaters and double-pane windows installed in the 1980s will soon reach the end of their expected lifespans, he said.

After investing in replacements proven to be energy efficient, members are expected to save in the long term through lower energy bills.

While GHI saves money and gains expert consulting from the joint project, NREL and NAHB will benefit as well. They plan to use the data gathered to gain new insights that will guide energy conservation projects across the nation.

The Building America program has previously concentrated on improving efficiency in new homes being constructed; this Greenbelt project is its first large effort with older homes.

Wiehagen said “the bulk of residential energy use is in exist-

ing homes,” where improving efficiency requires creative analysis of options to determine which have the most cost-effective performance and maintenance over the long term.

Computer Models

Hancock said data from GHI homes will help computer models become much more sophisticated. Most current models presume that all rooms in a home are maintained at 68 to 70 degrees but many GHI survey respondents have indicated that at least some rooms are significantly colder to save money or because heating is insufficient. Data from the pilot project will help researchers identify the tradeoffs residents make between saving money and increasing comfort.

Earle added that “everyone has a different comfort level. We’re interested in learning what temperature people want their rooms.”

GHI’s leadership has scheduled a town hall meeting Sunday, January 23 from 2 to 4 p.m. to discuss the pilot project and the upcoming upgrade. All members are encouraged to attend.

GHI Energy Pilot Homes Announced

A kick-off meeting for the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) Energy Pilot Program was held on Sunday, October 24. Members of homes selected to participate in the pilot program were able to meet GHI staff members, Buildings Committee members and representatives from the National Association of Home Builders-Research Center (NAHB-RC) who are working on the Pilot Program. GHI staff reported on how pilot homes were selected and announced the rows which will be participating.

Selected pilot rows are: 2 A-D Woodland Way (brick), 2 A-D Westway (brick), 4 E-H Crescent (block), 3 A-D Crescent (block), 15 A-D Ridge (block), 10 A-D Southway (frame) and 4 A-D Laurel Hill (frame).

NAHB-RC thanked GHI for this opportunity to collect data about how GHI homes work. They said the information collected during the pilot program would benefit all Americans, since they are working for GHI through a grant from the Department of Energy (DOE) with the

research to be shared with people all across the country.

Staff of NAHB-RC explained how the pilot homes will be tested and measured during a thorough walk-through and subsequent monitoring. NAHB-RC staff will need to spend about two hours in each home, they said, measuring air leakage, recording information about the homes and appliances and discussing any special concerns with members. The staff will soon install measuring devices on the walls and in electrical panels of pilot homes. Those devices were then described.

GHI continues to move forward on this measuring and monitoring phase of the pilot program, which is fully funded by DOE.

Those with questions about the pilot program should contact GHI Assistant General Manager Eldon Ralph or Vice President Tokey Boswell. Ralph’s email address is [eralph@greenbelthomes.net](mailto:eralph@greenbelthomes.net); his phone is 301-474-4161, ext. 128. Boswell’s email address is [tokeyray@netscape.net](mailto:tokeyray@netscape.net) and his phone is 301-830-0655.

– Joan Krob,  
Director of Member Services  
for GHI



ATTENTION GHI MEMBERS  
Only Two Dates Left

For those members who cannot pick up their allotted free leaf bags during regular office hours, only two Saturdays remain to get them from the Parkway garage #21 site. **November 20 and November 27 between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.**

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Dr. Monica Mattson, Dr. Jay McCarl  
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Over 75 percent of Americans over the age of 35 have some form of periodontal disease. Do you notice any of these signs of periodontal disease - bleeding gums when brushing or flossing; red, swollen or tender gums; loose teeth; persistent bad breath; or receding gums?

Bacteria and inflammation from periodontal disease is associated with a number of serious health problems including:

- Heart disease
- Diabetes
- Dementia
- Rheumatoid arthritis
- Premature birth

Sometimes there are no obvious signs of periodontal disease. That is why routine professional dental exams are so important to your overall health.

Periodontal disease ranges from simple gum inflammation, called gingivitis, to a more serious disease, called periodontitis that causes gum tissue to pull away from the teeth forming pockets that become infected. Periodontitis results in damage to the bone supporting your teeth, and ultimately the loss

of your teeth. The American Dental Association recommends preventing periodontal disease and its associated medical complications with proper diet, brushing, flossing and routine dental visits.

If you have symptoms of periodontal disease, please take it seriously and contact a dental health professional for a thorough dental exam!

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Co-op Supermarket  
Has Annual Meeting

The Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative will hold its annual meeting on Saturday, December 4 at 10 a.m. in the Multipurpose Room at the Greenbelt Community Center.

Reports on the Co-op’s past year will be presented by Store Manager Bob Davis and Co-op Treasurer Joe Timer. Elections will be held for two positions on the Board of Directors, with incumbent board members Robert Gordon and Joe Timer standing for re-election.

All members and others interested in the workings of the Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative are invited to attend the meeting. Light refreshments will be served and door prizes awarded.



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<p>California Navel Oranges 4 lb. bag</p> <p><b>\$2<sup>99</sup></b></p>	<p>Extra Large Green Bell Peppers</p> <p><b>\$1<sup>49</sup></b> lb.</p>

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Land-O-Lakes Cheese Chunks Assorted 8 oz.	<del>\$2.50</del>	Shurfine Vegetable Soft Spread 45 oz.	<del>\$1.99</del>	Deli Gourmet Peppered Turkey Breast	<del>\$5.99</del> lb.
				Deli Gourmet Mini Colby	<del>\$5.99</del> lb.
				Green's Ice Cream Assorted 1.5 qt.	<del>\$2.50</del>
				Banquet Frozen Dinners Select Varieties 5-10 oz.	<del>\$1.00</del>
				Stouffer's Assorted Entrees Selected Varieties 6-21 oz.	<del>\$2.50</del>
				Shurfine Potato Cuts & Fries 32 oz.	<del>\$1.50</del>

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Centrum Vitamin Tablets Multi/Silver 100-110 pk. <b>\$8<sup>99</sup></b>	Seabest Special Crab Meat 1 lb. <b>\$8<sup>99</sup></b>		Thai Kitchen Rice Noodle Cart Meals Assorted 9.77 oz. <b>\$2<sup>99</sup></b>	Fresh Store Baked Kaiser Rolls 6 pk. <b>\$1<sup>49</sup></b>

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# Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, <http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/index.htm>, link in left frame to "Weekly Report" or [http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/weekly\\_report.pdf](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/weekly_report.pdf). Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

### Robberies

November 13, 12:31 a.m., 7300 block Morrison Drive, a man was approached by two males, who assaulted him and took his shoes. There is no definitive description of the suspects.

November 18, 10:23 p.m., Southway, a man entered the gas station, displayed a gun and demanded money. The suspect is described as a black male, 17 years old, 5'7" tall with a skinny build, wearing a black ski mask and a black jacket.

### DWI

November 16, 1:17 a.m., Cherrywood Terrace at Breezewood Drive, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, driving while impaired by alcohol and other charges after a traffic stop. He was released on citations pending trial.

### Vandalism

November 15, 4:09 p.m., 5900 block Springhill Drive, a rock was thrown through a sliding glass door.

### Burglaries

November 2, 5:16 p.m., 7500 block Greenway Center Drive, a laptop was reported taken.

November 12, 1:10 p.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive, nothing was taken.

November 16, 10:01 p.m., 7600 block Mandan Road, two game systems, a TV, a laptop and a DVD player were among the items reported taken.

November 16, 10:05 p.m., 6900 block Hanover Parkway, a laptop and a game system were reported taken.

November 18, 6:50 a.m., 7400 block Greenbelt Road, a cellphone case was reported taken.

### Vehicle Crimes

A red 2006 Toyota Corolla with Md. tags was reported stolen from the 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace. A red 2007 Toyota Matrix with Md. tags, reported stolen from the 100 block Westway, was recovered by the Bowie Police Department with no arrests made.

## Police Investigate Assault, Burglary

On Sunday, November 21 at 7:42 p.m., Greenbelt police officers responded to a call about a burglary in progress in the 8100 block of Mandan Terrace. Upon arrival, officers found that a naked male, possibly under the influence of drugs, had broken into a residence and assaulted the homeowner. Officers were able to take the suspect into custody and transport him to a local hospital for an emergency psychiatric evaluation.

The homeowner was transported to a hospital where he is currently listed in stable condition. Officers are still trying to confirm the identity of the suspect and determine a motive. Criminal charges against the suspect are pending.

No further information is available at this time.

Vehicles were reported vandalized in the following areas: 7900 block Lakecrest Drive (damaged windshield), 9000 block Breezewood Terrace (kicked and damaged vehicle), 6900 block Hanover Parkway (broken window), 7600 block Mandan Road (broken windows on two cars), 7300 block Morrison Drive (graffiti) and 5700 block Greenbelt Metro Drive (broken mirror).

November 13, 11:24 p.m., 13 Court Ridge Road, two resident men were arrested and charged with theft over \$1,000, after allegedly breaking into a car. Both men were released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Thefts from vehicles were reported in the following areas: 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace (rear Md. tag); 9100 block Springhill Lane (rear Md. tag); 6100 block Breezewood Court (GPS, iPod, wallet, credit card, currency); 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace (GPS mount); and 8100 block Bird Lane (laptop, stereo system).

## Application for Charter School Is Turned Down

On November 21 a notice was sent to interested persons on the listserv of the proposed Greenbelt Public Charter School (GPCS). The Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) Board of Education has denied the charter school application. The full text of the statement from the founding board is shown below:

Greetings All –

The Founding Board of Greenbelt Public Charter School [GPCS] received official notice (from PGCPS) about our application for a charter school on Friday, November 17th. The application has been denied. We did know about this decision in early November but waited for official response so that we would be within the boundary of protocol (as we know it to be). We anticipate that this strategy will leave us more flexibility as we decide how to proceed from here.

The Board has not met formally to discuss next steps. We have had online conversations and decided to watch and wait for a few other deadlines and decisions to occur. First, we will have an opportunity to meet with PGCPS to discuss the decision. At this meeting we will receive feedback about our application including the strengths and weaknesses of our proposal. Second, our application for start-up funds to Maryland State Department of Education is still in process. Although the State won't give funds to GPCS without an approved charter, their feedback will be important in our decision making process. Finally, the Founding Board for Global Gardens Public Charter School has appealed to MSDE regarding Montgomery County Public School's denial of their application last spring. We've been communicating with them and are curious to see how the process plays out for them before we commit further time and money to our own effort to open a charter school in Maryland.

We have not yet closed the door on the possibility of opening a charter school in Greenbelt. We are more educated about the challenges and possibilities charters offer for children/families who attend public school in the United States.

The GPCS Founding Board remains open-minded and optimistic about how we can contribute to excellent educational opportunities for all children in our community. We encourage each one of you to do the same.

Our intention is to make a final decision before the New Year about whether or not we will continue to pursue an application for a charter in Prince George's County. Discussion on this topic is welcome and encouraged and we won't make a decision without input from (at the very least) this group of interested people. Your support and decency throughout this process has sustained us in difficult times. We consider you part of the team!

Warmest regards for a joyful holiday season –  
The Greenbelt Public Charter School Founding Board

# New City Policy Will Ban Smoking in Park Areas

by Diane Oberg

The November 8 regular Greenbelt City Council meeting was a fast-paced affair, with some of the most interesting items to be found on the consent agenda, which council adopts as a whole without discussion. Of these most likely to be controversial was a proposed Recreation Department policy banning smoking in portions of city parks and other outdoor recreational facilities.

Council also approved sending a letter about changes to bus service to county officials similar to an August letter sent to Metro officials.

### Smoking Ban

Council accepted, without discussion, the Park and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) Report 10-2, which reviewed the Recreation Department's proposed restrictions on smoking in parks and recreation facilities. Council will discuss the report at a future meeting.

After investigating policies at other cities' recreation facilities, Joe McNeal, co-acting director of recreation, proposed that smoking be prohibited at all indoor recreation and park facilities and within 25 feet of any such facility. Receptacles would be provided for smokers to dispose of "litter associated with smoking," he said.

The policy would also prohibit smoking within the fence of all outdoor recreation and park facilities, including the outdoor pool, the skate park, playgrounds, the tennis court and the dog park. Smoking would also be banned within 25 feet of the primary play area of all designated outdoor play spaces and/or bleachers. This policy would not apply to Roosevelt Center Mall or open areas within city parks that are at least 25 feet away from designated play spaces.

Smoking would still be permitted on the Braden Field pathway and the path around Greenbelt Lake.

PRAB noted that Maryland already bans smoking 25 feet from the entrance to any public building and suggested that one section be clarified. They recommended, however, that council adopt the proposed policy.

### Bus Realignment

On a 6 to 1 vote, council approved sending a letter to James Raszewski, chief of the Division of Transit at the county Department of Public Works and Trans-

portation, noting council's July 19 vote to conditionally support the service changes for Metrobus and TheBus. The letter notes council's concerns such as the lack of additional evening and weekend service and the impact of these changes on certain groups of transit users.

The letter also expressed concern about the lack of education and outreach to notify transit users of the changes, which will occur in less than two months. The letter also laid out a series of short- and long-term conditions and comments that council believes must occur if the proposed changes are to be successful. Councilmember Rodney Roberts voted no on the motion to approve the letter, without stating the reasons for his vote.

### Other Actions

Proclamation: Mayor Judith Davis presented to Beverly Palau a proclamation declaring November as Municipal Government Month. Palau, the city's public information and communications coordinator, had created an online quiz show "Greenbelt Works." Davis urged adults, as well as the schoolchildren it was designed for, to try out the Greenbelt Works quiz on the city's website. In addition, the city has sponsored other Municipal Government programs, such as the "If I were Mayor" contest for fourth graders.

### Public Service

During the "Council Reports" section of the agenda, several councilmembers reported attending the Public Safety Awards dinner hosted by the American Legion. For the first time the Public Works Department was honored in addition to the Police and Fire Departments.

Davis also noted that 70 people had signed up so far for "We Can Save Energy." She added that people can still sign up.

Council awarded a contract to NZI Construction Corp. to reconstruct a portion of Springhill Lane and construct concrete bus pads and handicapped ramps throughout Franklin Park (formerly Empirian Village/Springhill Lake) at a cost not to exceed \$70,000. The work will be funded by a federal Community Development Block Grant.

Council reappointed Cynthia Comproni to the Public Safety Advisory Committee.

*The Department is offering a reward of up to \$500 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter. People may anonymously report suspected drug activity by calling the Drug Tip Line at 301-507-6522.*

## Recycling Tips – Plastic Containers

In their recycling programs the city and county now accept the following plastic containers:

All narrow neck plastics # 1 to # 7, such as beverage bottles, milk jugs, ketchup bottles, salad dressing bottles, detergent bottles and shampoo bottles.

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## Attention GHI Members



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# Schools Cleanup Begins Recertification Program

by Martha Kristy

Saturday, November 13 marked a special day in a special school year for Robert Goddard French Immersion (RGFI) and the Robert Goddard Montessori (RGM) schools. It was a day of beautification for both specialty schools in Seabrook.

Four years ago both schools joined forces to certify as Maryland Green Schools, one of the most stringent green school programs in the nation. This 2010-2011 school year, both schools are up for a rigorous recertification.

On Saturday morning both schools spruced up the grounds and gardens under ideal weather conditions. In the afternoon community members and Middle School French Immersion students from the Environmental Entrepreneur Club, as well as Elementary Green School Club members, hosted an Environmental Education Summit. The director of the Maryland Association for Environmental and Outdoor Education, the office that coordinates all Maryland Green Schools, started the summit with an opening address. Among the presenters who followed were the Allen Pond Park Rangers, on Potomac River pollution; a natural bird feeder project from the Living Classroom Foundation of Baltimore; and Barbara Davis

from the City of Greenbelt Arts, teaching handmade papermaking from recycled materials.

Middle school students, along with many of their parents, spent the afternoon creating a butterfly garden on the grounds, making the French Immersion School a monarch butterfly waystation. Every fall hundreds of millions of monarch butterflies migrate from the United States and Canada to overwintering areas in Mexico and California.

The monarch migration, one of the world’s greatest natural wonders, is threatened by habitat loss in North America, as well as at the overwintering sites and the spring and summer breeding ranges. Several Greenbelt families – the Tomecek/Cavigelli family, the Goddard/Perry family and Stephen Bernheisel – provided much of the muscle behind creation of this garden.

Those interested in environmental issues who would like to assist and support these schools in their Green School efforts are asked to call 301-918-8660 for RGFI and 301-918-3515 for RGM and ask for the green school coordinator.

*Martha Kristy is instructional program coordinator at Robert Goddard French Immersion School.*



Greenbelter Katia Cavigelli works on the butterfly garden project at Robert Goddard French Immersion School.

## Register on January 11 for GED Classes

Greenbelt CARES will hold its spring 10-week GED course on Tuesdays and Thursdays from January 11 through March 24 in the Municipal Building Conference Room at 25 Crescent Road.

Registration will be on Tuesday, January 11 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The first instruction class will be on Thursday, January 13.

GED I runs from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. It is for students who need review of basic math (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, fractions, decimals, percentages and word problems) and English grammar skills.

GED II goes from 1 to 3 p.m. for students who have successfully completed GED I and/or are ready to learn algebra and geometry, English literature and writing skills and prepare to take the GED test.

Students must show proof of residency (i.e. current lease, phone or electric bill, driver’s license or Motor Vehicle ID card).

There is no charge for Greenbelt residents. Nonresidents must pay a \$175 registration fee. All students have to buy a copy of the GED textbook and calculator, which can be purchased from Greenbelt CARES.

Students do not have to be 16 years old to take the GED course and can take a free GED pre-test given at Greenbelt CARES. The actual GED test is given by the State of Maryland. Students who are ready to take the test can get the application forms from CARES.

For information contact Judy Hering, course instructor, at 301-345-6660 ext. 2016 or by email to [jhering@ci.greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:jhering@ci.greenbeltmd.gov).



A strong wind early last Wednesday morning downed a large tree and damaged two vehicles in front of this house on Forestway.

## Close Call in Lakewood as Wind Wreaks Havoc

by Bill Cornett

A Lakewood man is lucky to be alive after being struck by a massive tree branch that fell on his house in the early hours last Wednesday morning.

Tod Cornett, unable to sleep, walked out on the back deck of his house on Greenway Place to get some fresh air. Just after 1 a.m. a big wind came through the city, causing significant damage and power outages. “All of a sudden, the wind started sounding like a freight train,” he said. “I heard a noise above me but there was no time to react.”

The roof of his house extends about two feet over the deck and he tried to get under that overhang for protection. “The branch just appeared in front of me in an instant,” he said.

The branch, between 15 and 20 feet long and estimated to weigh as much as 1,000 lbs., came straight down through the roof like a spear, struck Cornett a glancing blow on the forehead and leg and broke one of his toes. It then hit the plywood deck with such force that it punched a perfect hole in it, embedding itself several inches into the ground beneath the deck.

Cornett was taken by pri-

vate vehicle to Doctors Hospital where a checkup revealed no major trauma to the head or leg. “I’m lucky to be alive,” he said. “Just a couple more inches and I would have been dead or suffered a major injury. I’m still not sure how my toes weren’t cut off.”

This is not Cornett’s first piece of bad luck. He has been in three major automobile accidents, had his spine fused several years ago and suffers from a world-record number of recurring bouts of viral meningitis (over 40 episodes to date). He cannot work because of health problems and is on disability. He says friends are pitching in to help him repair his roof and he is trying to save enough money to have the tree from which the branch fell taken down so it will no longer be a threat to his house.

*Author Bill Cornett is Tod Cornett’s brother.*



Lakewood resident Tod Cornett was struck in the head and leg by this branch that pierced his roof and deck.

## Board Puts Hold on Beltway Plaza Rezoning

by Thomas X. White

At its meeting Thursday, November 18 the Prince George’s County Planning Board granted a continuance for consideration of a proposed rezoning of the rear portion of Beltway Plaza Mall until December 16. At the November meeting, the Planning Board learned that adjacent landowners were not notified of the hearing on the application and the Planning Board decided to remove the item from that day’s agenda.

The redevelopment plans are for the rear of the shopping center adjacent to Breezewood Drive on the north and Cherrywood Lane on the west. They are contingent on a proposed rezoning of the rear portion of the existing shopping center (approximately 15.4 acres now used for parking) from its current Commercial Shopping Center (C-S-C) Zone to a Mixed-Use-Infill (M-U-I) Zone that

would allow its redevelopment. Proposed are 700 multifamily (midrise) dwellings and 22,000 square feet of retail/restaurant space. In addition to the rezoning, the development requires the approval of a Conceptual Site Plan (CSP) and a Tree Conservation Plan. The plans for the proposed redevelopment, which the Beltway Plaza owners are calling Greenbelt Town Center, were outlined in a Greenbelt News Review August 5 issue.

In a 15-page report, the technical staff of the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission recommends approval of the proposals subject to several conditions. The conditions relate to items that the technical staff want included in the plan such as signage, crosswalk locations, bicycle and pedestrian crossings and an overall circulation plan for traffic in and out and through the property. More specific elements

will be required at the time of Detailed Site Plan approval such as pedestrian amenities, landscaping, plant materials, low-impact development techniques, crime prevention, on-site recreational facilities, approved storm water management plan, employment of green building techniques and possibly the elimination of the existing entrance to the site from Cherrywood Lane. At the building permit stage, the developer would have to provide a new final plat of subdivision; payment of applicable public safety surcharges and school impact fees; provide any required new parking spaces (or request a Departure for Parking & Loading Standards) and traffic control warrants for nearby intersection signalization.

The Greenbelt City Council is opposing the proposed rezoning and CSP and was prepared to register its opposition at the November 18 hearing.



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# City Council and SHA Discuss Road Plans, Safety and Other Issues

by Virginia Beauchamp

Roads, roads, roads.

How did this planned community, set out on pristine land in the middle of a wide agricultural expanse, end up with so many highways – not just around it, but running right through it? There is Greenbelt Road, of course – once a two-lane macadam strip through the forest connecting the new town with Berwyn Heights, Berwyn, the B & O Railroad and Branchville, now consumed in College Park.

Then the federal government got interested in a direct route between Baltimore and Washington to accommodate the new National Security Agency. That’s when the Baltimore-Washington Parkway was constructed through undeveloped forest land on what at the time was the city’s eastern boundary.

Then Greenbelt Road needed widening to handle increasing traffic.

Then the north-south access – Edmonston Road – at what was once the city’s western boundary was cut off and in part consumed within a new, bigger highway, Kenilworth Avenue. And if that weren’t enough, that great cut through the land – the Capital Beltway – also bisected the city.

And when the intersection of Kenilworth with Greenbelt Road became dangerous and congested, the Kenilworth underpass was designed and built – but not until the other possible alternative had been ruled out – running Greenbelt Road under Kenilworth. To this reporter, all these changes have been part of her lived experience.

So it is not surprising that a major concern of the Greenbelt City Council, as expressed in regular worksessions, involves direct communication with the State Highway Administration (SHA), which – perhaps not surprisingly – is located in Greenbelt.

Indeed such a meeting was held this fall – on September 15. News Review staff were unavailable to cover the meeting. This paper has since been given access to the official minutes.

So, forthwith, the state of the roads here in and around the city:

**Greenbelt Road**

Let’s start with the oldest of these thoroughfares, Greenbelt Road. With construction of several housing developments and a major shopping center east of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway – to say nothing of the Goddard Space Flight Center – with a great increase in automobile and truck traffic along the road, issues of pedestrian safety have become critical.

One such issue was introduced by Catherine James, a resident attending the meeting. She said that pedestrians trying to cross the road from Chelsea Woods to reach the westbound bus stop face new guardrails in the median. Could an opening be cut through the guardrails for pedestrians to cross the road?

Felicia Murphy, SHA assistant district engineer for traffic, explained that the guardrails had been installed to prevent opposite-direction vehicular accidents. She noted the previous high number of pedestrian fatalities at the mid-block unmarked crossing; as a result, she said, the state would not make a cut to encourage pedestrian crossings at this location.

However, she said, two possible solutions are in the works. One is to relocate the bus stop, moving it eastward to Cipriano Road. The other is to create a pedestrian crosswalk at the Chelsea Woods location. The crosswalk request is awaiting approval, however, she said.

Installing a sidewalk along westbound Greenbelt Road has also been considered, Murphy said, between NASA and Chelsea Woods. But unfortunately, she added, funding is not available.

Councilmember Leta Mach endorsed the idea of relocating the westbound bus stop to the Cipriano Road intersection, including creating a crosswalk and walkway.

But two of her colleagues disagreed. Councilmembers Rodney Roberts and Silke Pope both felt this change was no solution since it would cause a longer, unsafe walk for pedestrians. At this point Mayor Judith Davis suggested sending the issue to both state and county representatives. She suggested that letters be sent to County Councilmember Ingrid Turner and to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority requesting assistance in solving the problem.

**Bike Lanes**

On the issue of constructing bike lanes along Greenbelt Road west of Good Luck Road, Murphy said that not enough space is available. However, she said such a change might be possible when road resurfacing is carried out.

Where Kenilworth Avenue meets Greenbelt Road, Councilmember Emmett Jordan pointed out, cyclists find great difficulty. He wondered if connections could be made with sections of Berwyn Heights and Westchester Park when future resurfacing projects are carried out. Murphy said the state would evaluate the request.

Her colleague, Assistant District Engineer for Program Development Kate Mazzaro, said that another issue in the works is to provide a pedestrian connection between the Greenbelt Station South Core and Greenbelt Road.

Turning to the bridge repair project on Kenilworth Avenue over the Beltway, Murphy said it is about 20 percent complete, and completion is anticipated in about a year.

Speaking of the Beltway, Davis reported complaints from both the Hunting Ridge and Belle Point residential areas concerning the Beltway noise level. She wondered about current state

policy regarding construction of noise barriers. (In the past they were allowed only for residential developments predating highway construction.)

Two local residents, however – Jacqueline Waters of Hanover Parkway and Germaine Timmermans of Lady Anne Court – felt that the current decibel level should be the deciding factor in making such a decision. Davis concurred. She suggested that a change in requirements for noise barriers be considered as a future item by the state legislature.

**Other Issues**

Who has responsibilities for rights-of-way along state highways? That depends. According to Murphy, SHA removes tree branches and brush that obstruct driver visibility, while maintenance of sidewalks and snow removal are up to local municipalities.

Davis asked how often state highway medians are mowed, but neither SHA official knew the answer. They promised to find out and report back to the city.

Mach wondered about policy concerning the use of LED lights in traffic signals. Murphy assured her that whenever a signal is upgraded, LED lights are always used.

On an inquiry by Waters and Timmermans, however, concerning repair of the exit ramps to and from Southway and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway, City Manager Michael McLaughlin spoke up. These are the responsibility of the National Park Service (NPS), not the state, he said, and NPS is aware of the problem.

# Healthy Schools Group Holds First Annual Walk Here

by Renauta York

Students, teachers, principals, parents and staff from Greenbelt Elementary and Springhill Lake Elementary School joined with Vansville Elementary School in Beltsville to participate in the first annual Walk for Health at Buddy Attick Park on Saturday, November 11 from 9 to 11 a.m.

The day was ideal for this first annual walk – sunny and not too hot.

The event was coordinated by physical education teacher Cynthia Donn and Jim Smith, principal of Vansville Elementary School. They coordinated with Greenbelt and Springhill Lake Elementary Schools to use the Walk for Health as a way to promote the Healthy Schools program in which all three schools participate.

The Healthy Schools program teaches students healthy lifestyles, including healthy eating, expanded opportunities for recess and physical education and incorporating exercise in classrooms as well as providing outreach to children and families.

Both schools provide healthy choices at lunch – fresh fruits and vegetables and low fat dairy products. Principal Kim Seidel noted that Greenbelt Elementary allows students to earn extra recess and open physical education time through its Positive Behavior Incentive Program where

students earn points for abiding by the core principals of their school. Physical education teachers Elise Viscotti and David Manfredi have also started an after school sports club where students participate in six-week rotations of team sports.

Principal Natasha Jenkins and physical education teacher Stephanie Kohout from Springhill Lake have instituted the “Take 10” program, where students and teachers take 10 minutes from class time for movement activities at the teacher’s discretion. They also planted and harvested herbs from a school garden, conducted a six-week cooking class and cookoff with healthy recipes.

The walk was an opportunity to provide more outreach to the community. Nearly 300 people, including children, parents, teachers and principals from all three schools participated on a nearly perfect fall day at Buddy Attick Park. Participants registered, received name cards and walked around the entire lake – nearly 1.5 miles. Those completing the lap received medals for participating and are entered into a drawing for prizes donated by area businesses. Prizes included tickets to a University of Maryland basketball game, T-shirts, sporting equipment and other prizes. REI also had a booth at the event and provided free Frisbees and brochures as well.



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